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SEVERAL winters ago our representatives obtained an amendment to the act regulating the holding of courts in this county, making the sessions annual instead of semi-annual as we believe it always has been in all counties where judicial proceedings are held. The reasons then existing for this change were the sparsely inhabited condition of the county, the hardy settlers were not litigious and the county treasury was illly prepared for any extra draft upon it. At that time every measure tending to lessen the expenditures was adopted. Since then matters have very materially changed, the population has increased rapidly, and attendance thereupon is the increasing liability to crime and the lengthened calendar of civil and criminal cases which appears before the honorable court its yearly session. And by means of the amount of business that annually crowds upon the brief time adopted for judicial purposes, important cases become burdened by unwarranted delays and errors in writs and documents, and are finally thrown out of court, much to the detriment of one party or the other.

For this reason justice and the best interests of our citizens demand that immediate measures should be taken for two sessions during the year. The parties attendant upon the machinery of court become corroded by the rust accumulated by neglect of duties. Another important item is the keeping of criminal and witness until trial, the cost of which would more than counterbalance the additional cost of two terms of court. A petition is in circulation for signatures, to forward this object, and we venture to say that it embodies the opinion of every law abiding citizen of Chicago County.

To our Eastern Friends.

Come out to the broad domains of the fertile West. "Throw up your commissions" there and come in thousands you overworked, ill paid, homeless and homeless denizens of crowded thoroughfares of the populous east. Come and avail yourself of our beneficent Homestead Law which has already drawn from among you so many who come rejoicing on their way to this State. We have free homes enough for you all. Here everybody is jolly over their successful enfranchisement from the burdensome tribute of the east, money is plenty, and workmen truly worthy of their hire. Everything participates in the good feeling; the forest's echo backs joyful sound from the settler's swinging axe, which gives them their death blow, and the sleek king welcome death at fat prices. Our rivers are burdened with the yearly tribute of tall graceful pines which but recently stood reflected in their placid waters. Mechanics are paid high prices, and are sure of customers that can stand any advance and have the money.

Bid farewell to the crowded cities of the east and come to our fair Minnesota, the queen of the Northwest—beautiful in its surroundings as its name is euphonious and suggestive. Within the scope of our vision as we write we see our own town built on a wide slope whence noble views of the surrounding scenery are obtained. Grandly picturesque are the rugged piles of God's masonry—quietly beautiful are those long ranges of hills with intervening valleys, and above all spreads the blue ether—its deep cerulean over vying Italy's own. We see water-powers already in the hands of shrewd and careful capitalists, who have scrutinized them with characteristic caution and pronounced them as safe investments as ever in the history of great enterprises have been offered.

Rarely does a town offer such opportunities for rich investments, coupled with safety and certain of ultimate success. Taylors Falls possesses hosts of natural advantages and soon will bring to bear all that art and a liberal expenditure can do for its aid. It has good inland water communications, which taken

in connection with prospected railroads affording easy transit for our products to sure markets, must make it a great commercial centre. Here we have ample room for extensive business operations and here business men can have pleasant homes to which they can bring their families with the social culture and educational advantages of the east.

Imagination carries us forward a few brief years and we see its crowded ways of trade. People hurry to and fro along its busy streets. The slender spire points the way to heaven, uplifting itself among factories and schools. The river flows slowly by at its feet bearing its floating wealth, and the "iron horse" rests at its doors. We hear the hum of the "kindly human voice," the clink of the hammer and the rush of the wheel, and as the sun steals softly to its evening post we hear the welcome notes of laborers dismissing bell echoed by those high bluffs beyond telling of "something accomplished, something done."

Northwestern is more common than to hear people talk of what they pay newspapers for advertising, etc., as so much given in charity. Newspapers by enhancing value of property in their neighborhood and giving the localities in which they are published a reputation abroad, benefit all such, particularly if they are merchants or real estate owners, thrice the amount yearly of the meagre sum they pay for their support. Besides every public spirited citizen has a laudable pride in having a paper of which he is not ashamed even though he should pick it up in New York or Washington.

A good looking, thriving sheet helps to sell property, gives character to a locality, and in all respects is a desirable public convenience. If, from any cause, the matter in the local or editorial columns should not be quite up to your standard, do not lay it aside and pronounce it of no account until you are satisfied there has been no more labor bestowed upon it than is paid for. If you want a good reliable sheet, it must be supported. And it must not be unsupported in a spirit of charity either, but because you feel a necessity to support it.

The local press is the "power that moves the people."—*N. York Tribune.*

The Legislature. The present Legislature of Minnesota is composed of 62 members—21 in the Senate and 41 in the House. In the Senate there are 8 lawyers, 6 farmers, 2 merchants, 1 mechanic, 1 civil engineer, 1 real estate agent, 1 physician, and 1 hotel keeper. The nativity of the members of the Senate is as follows: Maine, 5; New Hampshire, 4; New York, 3; Ohio, 3; Vermont, 1; Connecticut, 1; Massachusetts, 1; Pennsylvania, 1; Scotland, 1; Germany, 1. All have been or are now married; there being 18 married members and 3 widowers. The oldest members of the Senate are J. V. Daniels of Olmsted and D. P. Langley of Dakota—being each 55 years of age. The youngest member of the Senate and of the Legislature is Thomas Simpson of Winona, who is 20.

In the House there are 19 farmers, 6 lawyers, 3 merchants, 3 millers, 1 publisher, 1 manufacturer, 1 contractor, 1 lumberman, 1 lumber dealer, 1 clerk, 1 grain dealer, 1 hotel keeper, 1 broker, and 1 cooper. Nativity: New York, 13; Ohio, 3; Maine, 3; Vermont, 3; Germany, 3; Massachusetts, 2; Connecticut, 2; Indiana, 2; Canada West, 2; England, 2; Illinois, 1; New Hampshire, 1; Maryland, 1; Virginia, 1; Kentucky, 1; Scotland, 1. Of the members of the House, 36 are married, 2 are widowers, and 3 single. The oldest member of the House and of the Legislature is A. K. Maynard, of Le Sueur county, who is 62 years of age. In concluding this article we would simply say the members of the Legislature seem to have taken to matrimony as naturally as ducks to the water—there being but three bachelors in the whole body.

AN AMERICAN LAWYER.—When the Hon. Caleb Cushing was Attorney General of the United States, he was said to be the only member of the Cabinet able to converse in any language besides his own. At a diplomatic dinner in Washington, given to Mr. Hoffman, the Russian Minister, he conversed in French with Mr. Sartiges, the French Ambassador; in Spanish with Don Calderon; in Portuguese with De Figueira; and in the pure Italian with the representatives of the two Sicilies. The distinguished party were surprised and charmed and some thought the Yankee polyglot could have added the Chinese, had a representative of the Celestials been present.

The completion of the St. Paul and Pacific railroad is confidently anticipated to St. Cloud next season.

A Winter Campaign against the Indians. We understand that Col. Adams, commandant at Fort Abercrombie, left that post two weeks ago, with about one hundred and fifty picked men, including a section of Jones's battery, under Lieut. Whipple, for a campaign against the hostile Indians supposed to be gathered in large numbers at Devil's Lake and Mouse river. Information had been received that our British consuls over the line were carrying on a lively traffic in contraband articles, with the Indians at this place, and it was thought the expedition would result in the seizure of the goods, and the dispersion of the Indians, and if not in their capture or extermination. The project of a winter campaign against the Indians has had many earnest advocates ever since the first outbreak in 1862, and under ordinary circumstances there were reasons for believing such a campaign would prove successful. But the extraordinary fall of snow, and the severity of the weather, since the starting of Col. Adams' expedition, are drawbacks that were not anticipated, and may not be overcome. Col. Adams expected to be absent from thirty to forty days.

THE AMERICAN AGRICULTURIST.—Reasons why the *American Agriculturist* is taken by more than a hundred thousand subscribers: it is for the whole family—for the farmer, the gardener, the orchardist, and also the household, including the Children and Youth; indeed tens of thousands of our copies are taken in our cities and villages for the Household and Youth's Department while its other departments are valuable to every cultivator of a foot of land. It is most beautifully printed, and illustrated with hundreds of Fine Engraving every year. These are both pleasing and instructive; the *Agriculturist* may well be styled a Rural and Household Illustrated Magazine. It is not a loosely thrown together, "seissors and paste" journal, but the largest possible amount of information condensed in every page. Every line is carefully prepared by thoroughly intelligent practical men of long experience and rare observation; by men of sound common sense, and who know what they write and talk about. The information they give, and the thousands of hints and suggestions, cannot fail to be worth to every reader, far more than subscription price, which is very low, owing to the large circulation.

In short the *American Agriculturist* is full of good, reliable, interesting and instructive advice, and is well adapted to all parts of the country, and to every man, woman and child in the land. We advise every family to subscribe at the present time, and receive the 25th Annual Volume now beginning.

Terms \$1.50 a year; Four copies for \$5; Ten for \$12; Twenty for \$20. Single copies, 81 each. And extra copy to the one making up a club of Ten or Twenty.

Volume XXV begins with the next number. Published by ORANGE JUNG & CO. 41 Park Row, New York.

Cleanings from Our State Papers. A shot gun burst in the hands of a German in Minneapolis last week sending the breech through his left cheek.

A gold headed cane was given to the junior member of the Burbank firm at St. Cloud.

A child of a Mrs. Moore six years old was poisoned at Wabashaw by drinking a quantity of alcoholic spirits of peppermint.

The office of the *Freedom Standard* at Albert Lea was destroyed by fire on the 29th ult. Loss of material was small.

Governor Marshall has appointed Hon. J. D. Ludden of Stillwater as his private secretary.

The editor of the *Chatfield Democrat* magnanimously offers reward of ten dollars for any clue to who forms the "first circle" of Chatfield society.

The Commissioners of Fillmore county have raised the price of license to retail liquors, for the present year, from \$20 to \$75.

A Library Association has been formed in Rochester. The *Republican* says that over \$1,000 have been raised to commence the enterprise. This is an excellent beginning.

They are agitating the question as to whether they shall have a school house or not at Hastings. "It is a notorious fact says the *Conservator*, "that the city of Hastings—with nine hundred children has not so much as a school under which to educate the rising generation."

The citizens of Minneapolis and St. Anthony are discussing the possibility of a union of the two cities under one incorporation.

Five trains have already left St. Paul for the Vermillion Lake gold region.

A foundry and machine shop will be erected in Red Wing the coming season. The business men of Minneapolis have issued a call for a preliminary meeting to organize a Board of Trade.

Three white bears were killed in the Wisconsin Big Woods, about thirty miles from Red Wing, recently. The *Argus* says: These were the snow or polar bears of the arctic region.

Local and Miscellaneous.

FAMILY SUPPLY.—Canaday is adding a lot of dry goods, boots, hats, &c., to his stock of groceries and soon will have on hand everything which can be used to advantage in a family.

We recently received an effusion from some aspirant to fame as a poet, the rhythm of which, as an exchange has it, sounds like pumpkins rolling over a barn floor while some lines appear to have been measured with a yard stick and others with a ten foot pole.

FOR SEVEREN.—Several teams loaded with oats left this week for Superior City. Considerable trade from the upper part of this county is carried on with Superior over winter when butter, pork, flour and grain, are "toted" through in large quantities.

TRAVELING on the ice is unsafe this winter. This large deposit of snow, the rapid current beneath, and the springs on the banks, all tend to render the ice particularly treacherous and only the most venturesome attempt to travel on it.

COOPER SMOOT.—Reynolds has made preparations to begin work at his old trade, and has rented for that purpose the building formerly used as a cabinet shop on the hill. An institution of this description has long been needed and cannot but be successful.

THE SINGING school continues to be well attended, and is becoming interesting. Mr. Guard seems to be doing the "fair thing" with his pupils, and gives entire satisfaction. The school is progressing finely, and Mr. Guard deserves much credit for the interest he has taken in its welfare. All lovers of good music are invited to attend, and bring their voices with them.

THE bad state of the roads cut us off from communication with the outside world last week and we were favored with but one mail. The snow drifted so badly in other parts of the state as to entirely suspend all railroad operations. Snow plows were kept vigorously at work, and before this time they are probably running on time.

PIONEER STORE.—We gave to the public last week the advertisement of the "Pioneer Store." This store was one of the first if not the first mercantile house established in the upper St. Croix Valley and has always sustained its reputation as a place to obtain rare bargains. From his long experience Mr. Folsom understands exactly the wants of his customers, and satisfaction can be safely guaranteed to purchasers. He has now on hand a large and well selected stock of goods best suited to this market and invites the attendance of all.

REAL ESTATE SALES.—Patrick Fox to Adeline Smith, 40 acres in Taylors Falls for \$100.

Magnus Peterson to Carl Gabrielson, 100 acres in Franconia for \$850.

S. S. Hamilton to G. Shogquist, lot 15 block 15 Taylors Falls (tax title) for \$50.

Carl Zakinson to John Carlson, 150 acres in Wyoming (quit claim) for \$100.

A. C. Ponneg to Isaac Reese 40 acres swamp land in Franconia for \$35.

NICE PHOTOGRAPH ROOMS.—Workmen have been busy for several days past renovating the building on the corner of Third and Cedar streets, formerly occupied by Raguet & Co., as a wholesale grocery, and which is to be fitted up in first-class style for Whitney, as photograph rooms.

The first floor is intended as an Art Gallery, and will have a splendid front, for the display of fine photographs and paintings. The rooms on the second and third floors, will be used as reception rooms, and taking and finishing pictures.

It is the intention of Mr. Whitney to make these rooms as attractive as possible. The room on the ground floor will be filled with choice pictures and paintings, and will make an Art Gallery which will be an ornament to our city. Whitney is always up to time in the way of improvements, and is determined to take the lead in his line.—*St. Paul Press.*

SURVEYOR GENERAL OF LOGS AND LUMBER.—The Republican members of the Legislature met in caucus last Thursday to nominate candidates for Surveyors General of Logs and Lumber. Hon. J. B. H. Mitchell presented the name of Ivory E. McKensie of Stillwater; Hon. Smith Ellison of this county advocated the claims of Charles R. Gardner of Stillwater. Mr. Gardner was backed by a petition signed by the majority of the lumbermen in this valley, but upon the ballot Mr. McKensie was declared the nominee.

A NUT FOR METAPHYSICIANS TO CRACK.—One of the most remarkable instances of youthful malice and hardihood or methodical madness that ever came under our observation occurred in Muskegon in this county. There reside here Henry C. Ingalls and his son Ephraim both well known and respected citizens. Their houses stand but a few rods apart and are in the same enclosure. About six months ago Mr. Henry Ingalls adopted a girl about twelve years old, named Agnes Crosby, whose father died some time ago leaving a widow and five or six small children in straightened circumstances. The child Agnes appeared in no ways remarkable in any particular, but was of a pleasant disposition, and well liked by her adopted parents. On the 5th ult., a fire was discovered in the house where she resided which was accounted for by the careless disposition of a candle, and was after much difficulty extinguished. On the evening of the 12th, a fire was discovered in the house belonging to the son Ephraim, but too late to save it, and it was entirely destroyed with its contents. The loss amounting to \$1100, insured for \$500. No one was at home at the time. Mrs. Ingalls being at her father's, and her husband away from home. There had been no fire in the house since early in the morning and at noon all was safe, as Mrs. Ingalls visited the house at that time. The week following a fire broke out in quick succession in the remaining house, which were accounted for in various ways. Deeming it perilous to remain it was proposed to remove the women to a place of safety while the men remained at home to tend the stock and ascertain the reason of these numerous fires which had baffled them, and caused such constant watching. During the two or three days that this proposition was entertained no more fire occurred and they decided to remain. The following afternoon four fires occurred and circumstances attending the last, contending to throw suspicion on Agnes, the adopted daughter, who on being questioned confessed to having set several fires in the house, but disclaimed all knowledge of the origin of the fire that destroyed Ephraim's house, and assigned as a reason that "she wished to go home and if they were burned out she could not keep her." Considering that she acknowledged to have had no cause of complaint for ill treatment, but was solely actuated by a simple desire to go home, the utter amazement of her family at this declaration, may well be imagined.

The delivered reason of the reason in a thorough matter of fact way and appeared to wonder at the commotion it caused. Yet throughout the whole of the terrible ordeal through which they had passed, her emotions of fear of destruction and thankfulness for safety were so well simulated as not to arouse a single suspicion that she was the author of their woes. As may be supposed her desire to go home was readily gratified after her acknowledgement. Judged that unless immediate means were taken to ferret out the mystery attending the destruction of his own property there might be difficulty in obtaining his insurance. Ephraim caused a warrant for arrest to be issued, and Agnes against whom the circumstantial evidence is strong, was placed in druncheon.

Her trial took place at Snrrie City to day before Justice Londen. Her friends were before design to advance the plea of insanity which although conceded to be quite plausible is said to be effectually rebutted by incidents of her previous life which betray if not a "method in her madness," a preconscious malevolence attending in one young.

Having opened a new Wholesale House in St. Paul, with a large and well selected stock of ready-made clothing, cloths, accessories, vestings, tailors' trimmings, and gents' furnishings goods, we would solicit the pleasure of your patronage.

We have constantly a buyer in New York, and being a branch of the largest Wholesale House in Buffalo, we offer our goods at the lowest market prices.

ALFRED & CO. No. 304, Third Street Mackabias block, St. Paul.

John S. Proctor, Esq., has been nominated and confirmed as Warden of the State Prison, and Henry A. Jackson as Prison Inspector.

SAINT LOUIS LETTER.

Stenographer Disasters—Large Loss of Property—Close and Opening of Navigation—The Viola—Prof. Edwards &c.—&c.

SAINT LOUIS, Jan. 15th, 1866.

DEAR REPORTER.—Since leaving the Falls some months ago, I must confess to have felt it at times my imperative duty to make you a sheet a medium of communication to old patrons, but the constant rush of other matters must be excused apologetically. During the past week the principal topic of discussion and ground cause of excitement here, being vividly to my mind scenes enacted in the picturesque dallas of your town at the time of the famous Log Jam, and we seize this opportunity to publish a few lines comprehending so far as possible the gist of so much commotion.

At the closing of navigation some six weeks ago, steamboat stock had a rapid downward tendency, the floating ice being armed with such power as to entirely demolish several fine steamers lying at this port. It was a simple recurrence of what transpires here every season, and the residents all maintained that however disastrous the closing of navigation might have been, the opening would afford results which would entirely eclipse it—and so it has proved; after the ice had fairly gorged and become stationary, Jack Frost effectually asserted his claims, rendering it so solid that the heaviest loaded vehicles crossed to the Illinois side with perfect safety. Matters remained thus until several days of warm rain raised the river and obliged the free bridge which had held the monopoly, to loosen its grasp and on Friday the ice settled down several hundred yards leaving with it a palatial water craft which had been caught in the middle of the stream while under the charge of the underwriters who were endeavoring to force it to a place of safety, and sinking many smaller steamers near the shore. At 5 p. m., the ice once more moved with a very similar result this time stopping so firmly that it was generally supposed they would not be another more for several days.

Friday evening we passed very pleasantly on board the *Viola*—lying near the arsenal—and about eleven o'clock to our north, little dreaming of the terrible loss of life and property so soon to ensue. It could not have been more than a quarter of an hour when we were aroused by the booming sound of breaking ice and its dull, hoarse grating as it swept by. Hurrying on deck, the sight we beheld beggars description. The crashing and roaring of the ice, the shouts and curses of the terrified watchmen and crews, the caving in of cabins, the rattle of crockery and glass, boats with steam up, battling manfully against the current and ice, others entirely deserted, mingled with the ceaseless tolling of steamboat bells.

"In the stillness of the night,
How we shiver with fright,
At the menacing moans of their threat!
For every sound that floats,
From the east or west, their threat,
Is a groan!"

All gliding helplessly on to what seemed inevitable destruction—this indistinctly seen but plainly heard in the darkness, would dampen the ardor of the most courageous. But our view was soon obscured, for the pressure of the moving body against the two boats lying outside the *Viola* was such that she soon went rolling and crashing on shore, while we hadly placed our feet on terra firma, fully satisfied in our own mind that "disaster is the better part of valor." Soon a dull "ding" announced that a large cube of ice had torn a hole in the hull of the outside boat, but the *Viola*, carefully quartered, sustained but little injury further than the loss of her guards on both sides, and a small hole in her hull above the water level.

One of her barges was sunk, another badly strained, while the third escaped injury.

Daylight revealed near us the wreck of a large Memphis packet, one of the finest on the river, sunk nearly to the top of her wheel houses, while her pilot house, texas, and cabin were entirely cut away. On the Illinois side of the river were the large stern-wheel boats bunched together in an apparently critical position, although the distance prevented our judging the damage done. A short distance below lay a ferry boat entirely blocked in by the ice, a little further down were the remains of a large steamer entirely ruined, but time and space prevent a detailed account of damages sustained, suffice it to say that none of the estimates of losses fall short of \$1,000,000, many are much larger.

Many daring persons are attempting to cross the ice at a water grave. We witnessed on Friday evening a fool haste rushing into it, a desire for sudden wealth, venture out to one of the boats that had been partially wrecked in the morning, with a sack which he filled with plunder and was returning when he suddenly disappeared through the ice with a wild cry, and was gone forever.

At nearly the same time some persons carrying lanterns were seen approaching from the Illinois side, when the treacherous ice parted beneath them, the faithful river rolled on, but their "Lamp of Life," had gone out in utter darkness. The number of lives lost will never be known.

While these exciting events were transpiring, the levee was thronged with eager anxious gazers many of them interested particularly in the available assistance could be rendered.

It will thus be seen that the Ice King here as in the North Star State, at times reigns supreme and when he assumes or relaxes his royal prerogative he holds high carnival, and his final departure is welcomed by everyone.

Navigation opened again yesterday by the arrival of several boats from below and the city has again resumed its wonted business life appearance.

As regards the subject, more ice has been secured and packed in St. Louis this season than for many years previous. Steamers seem bent on having all possible open, while they can and ponds and parks are literally crisscrossed by crowds eager to try the slippery surface.

To all outward appearances the holidays passed off quietly, leaving closer resemblance to Fourth of July than Christmas or New Year's festivities. The latter day was principally occupied in making short formal calls, the practice of which is rapidly becoming a through American custom.

We had the pleasure recently of hearing Prof. E. E. Edwards deliver one of his most interesting lectures in this city. The Prof., bearing his fever and ague enjoys good health and is successful in his school. His family are well.

As our com is already almost interminable we must close. Yours, E. E.

From the Falls Co. Press.

Diphtheria is quite prevalent in this county, and several children have died of it recently.

Rice Webb has been succeeded in the Osceola Grist Mill by Talboys & Staples.

Robert Burroughs, of Star Prairie, has sold the grist mill at Huntington, to Rice Webb, of Osceola, for \$4,000.

Obituary.

Dr. At the residence in this town, Jan. 26th, 1866, of Melancthon Hiram Murdock, M. D., in the sixty-ninth year of his age.

Doctor Murdock was born at Townsend Windham Co., Vermont, April 27th 1797. He removed to St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., in 1822; graduated at Pittsfield Medical College, and entered upon the practice of Medicine in 1824, and shortly afterward was married to Miss Hannah Stiles.

In 1838 he changed his residence to Oswego Co., N. Y., and in 1841, his first wife having previously died, he was married to the lady who now survives as his widow. In 1861 he came to Minnesota and settled in Stillwater where he remained about two years. In April 1862 he came to Taylors Falls where he has since resided. A little more than a year ago he began to suffer from Cancer in his shoulder. The disease, for a time was checked but soon broke out again with increased violence. Last summer it became evident to him, as a medical man, that his malady must soon prove fatal, and he began to set his house in order and adjust his affairs for the final and inevitable event.

During the early part of his illness he suffering were great, but borne with the serene fortitude and unflinching patience, which spring from a sincere and settled faith in the wisdom of Divine Providence and the mediation of Jesus Christ.

To sympathizing friends who sought to console with him, he said: "It is all right—I would not have it otherwise—Infinite Wisdom directs and I submit." And in this spirit he continued to endure unto the end.

For more than forty years Dr. Murdock was engaged in the practice of Medicine. He was much devoted to his profession—ever kind, considerate and attentive to the committed to his care. At all seasons—at all hours—in all kinds of weather—however long the ride, poor the patient, or doubtful the prospect of pecuniary compensation—he hastened to obey every summons to the bedside of the sick and suffering.

In his thirteenth year, he made a profession of faith in Christ, and those who have known him longest and most intimately testify that his course of life, since then has been consistent with that profession.

Dr. Murdock was a man of much good sense, sound judgment, firm will and positive character.

Temperate in all his habits—scrupulously honest and direct in all his business—faithful in the discharge of domestic, social and religious duties—free from passion, bigotry and sectarian zeal—a lover of all good men, and according to his ability, a generous supporter of all good institutions—he continued, for more than half a century, to pursue the even tenor of a Christian life, seeking more to the right before God than to seek so before men.

His death is no small loss to this community. A faithful husband and father—a kind neighbor—a patriotic citizen—a truly good man—his loss is felt by all.

But holding the same sublime faith which regulated his life and supported him in death, we are consoled by the belief that he has gone to join the hosts of the wise and pure and good of all lands and all ages who have their eternal habitation in that "City which hath foundations whose Builder and Maker is God."

W. M.

Taylors Falls, Jan. 30th 1866.

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AWATER & ROSE.

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NUMBER 3, JACKSON STREET, SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA.

We have in Store one of the LARGEST STOCKS of

STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES,

Tobacco and Cigars.

Which were selected by experienced buyers at Low Figures, to meet the wants of

this Trade. We would respectfully solicit an inspection of our Stock, as we feel confident

we can meet the views of the closest buyers.

We are also prepared to handle Country Produce of all kinds, and make liberal cash ad-

vances on consignments.

Referring to the above, we take pleasure in commending our successors to our old friends

and patrons throughout the State, soliciting for them a continuance of the favors hitherto

extended to us. Very Respectfully,

Saint Paul, October 10th, 1895.

COOLEY, CARVER & CO.

ALL KINDS OF PRINTING

Done with neatness and dispatch at the

lowest prices. We have a well equipped

plant, and are prepared to do all kinds of

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OSCEOLA, - - WISCONSIN.

ANTON BAIER.

BOOT AND SHOE MAKER.

Tailors Falls, - - Minn.

Keeps on hand a complete stock of leather

for manufacturing the goods in his line. All

work warranted. A share of patronage solicited.

Shop on Government St. nearly opposite

the Chicago House.

BUY YOUR WINES,

LIQUORS & SEGARS,

OF

PAYNE & BROTHER,

Opposite the Chicago House.

They have a large variety, including Brandy, Wine,

Whisky, &c., and of Choice and Foreign brands.

This is the place for you to apply if you wish to get a

good bottle of any of the above.

A good Billiard Room is also attached.

Tailors Falls, Jan. 20.

AMERICAN HOUSE.

THE ORIGINAL
FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
OF AMERICA.

**ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY
OF AMERICA.**

**Travelers Insurance Company,
HARTFORD, CONN.**

Net Cash Assets, Dec. 1, 1865, - - - \$585,838.12

INSURANCES AGAINST ALL KINDS OF ACCIDENTS.

Best and Cheapest Protective Insurance Company Extant.

JAMES G. BATTERSON, President. RODNEY DENNIS, Secretary.

MANAGERS OF THE CHICAGO BRANCH:
WHITE & GOODWIN

W. B. BATTEN, of Chicago.

J. GOODWIN, JR., Late of HARVARD, Conn.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE.

ITS IMPORTANCE.

Every man is liable to accident, no matter what his occupation or pursuits, whether he travels much or sits at home; whether he works amid the whir and clatter of moving machinery, or in a store, lawyer's office, or editor's den. The insurance companies of the world issue all such cases—just statistics and newspaper files are plenty of illustrations of careful, sedentary men, who have been killed or severely injured by some one of the common accidents of daily life, while other men may ride a railroad train or run a plowing machine for one of years without a scratch.

THE PIONEER COMPANY.

The Travelers' Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., as the first to successfully introduce the practice of accident insurance in this country. Its founder was Samuel W. BATES, Esq., of Hartford, Conn., who has witnessed the workings of accident insurance in England. A charter was obtained from the Connecticut legislature in 1855, contemplating just the insuring of railway passengers and other travelers. In the spring of '84, an amendment to the charter was obtained, authorizing insurance against accidents of all kinds, and the company issued its first policy April

Dr. C. G. M. Griffith, a physician, of Delaware Co., Pa., on his return home from Baltimore came dark and stormy night in September last, with a large sum of money in his pocket, was waylaid, murdered and robbed, as he left the train at the station nearest his home. He was insured for \$10,000, and the money was promptly paid him.

Thomas B. Bowditch, farmer, of Ravenna, O., while at work on a fall upon his farm, August last, was killed by a stone falling upon his head. Insured for \$5,000, the money was promptly paid him.

John B. Preston, merchant of St. Louis, was accidentally drowned in Rockport, Ill., on the night of April 17th, while on a visit to his father. Insured for \$5,000, which amount has been paid.

Henry C. Thompson, painter, of Morrisville, N. Y., fell from a wagon while at work, and was killed, insured for \$2,000, which amount was at once paid to his widow and children.

J. G. Anthony, farmer, of Buffalo, West Va., was killed by a fall from a building, in October last. Insured for \$1,000, which was promptly paid to his wife for whose benefit the policy was written.

Chas. J. Creditor, student of Fort Wayne, Ind., had his arm broken off in fighting a lawsuit on Insurance day, March 4th, and died four weeks after the accident. Insured for \$2,000, which was promptly paid.

Anson Cretz, Irony keeper, of Little Falls, N. Y., was murdered and his body thrown into the canal, on the 10th inst. Insured for \$10,000, which was promptly paid to his young widow.

1864.

CHARACTER AND STABILITY OF THE COMPANY.

It has paid up cash capital of half a million, and the 1st of December, its net surplus was \$68,838.12. Its capital and assets are prudently invested in good securities, that can be turned to cash at any day, in order, to meet any sudden and sweeping losses. Within a year it has paid all claims promptly and satisfactorily. It has a large and increasing business, and has a large reserve in hand, between SEVEN AND EIGHT HUNDRED policy holders, its sums ranging from five dollars to ten thousand dollars.

ASSETS—JANUARY 1st, 1866.

	Marked Value.
U. S. Bonds	\$1,000 00
United States Securities	58,679 00
U. S. Bonds	10,250 00
U. S. Bonds	17,100 00
U. S. Bonds	42,500 00
U. S. Bonds	10,000 00
U. S. Bonds	21,000 00
U. S. Bonds	45,200 00
U. S. Bonds	7,581 71
	\$616,890 94
LIABILITIES.	\$15,000
Unpaid Claims	12,500
Other Liabilities	\$2,500

ACCIDENTS INSURED AGAINST.

This company insures against the following claim:
a. All forms of dislocations, broken bones, ruptured

for \$5,000, and the money was paid to his family.

A gentleman of NEW HAVEN, lost a son in March, '65. His wife was paid \$1,000 by the TRAVELERS'.

Dr. H. H. Wells, insurance agent, of Dedanah, Ohio; writes that by a violent contusion on the cords of his neck, while exercising a ladder, Oct. 23, 1864, he lost \$1,000, which was paid.

G. B. Hicks, painter, of Northampton, broke through the ice and was drowned, December 14th, while crossing Chipewaukee Lake, Lawrence county, N. E. Insured for \$1,000 only two weeks previously (Policy No. 70,569), and the money will be paid to his children.

WEEKLY COMPENSATION.

An important consideration, which commands a recent insurance to public favor, is its system of weekly compensation. Under an ordinary life policy, the person whose life is insured can never reap any personal benefit from the sum insured; it goes to his family or to his estate after his death. The person insured in the "Travelers" who is injured by any accident whatever, or severely so as temporarily disable him from attending to his business, can receive insurance at once, and have the consolation of drawing his \$1000 or twenty dollars per week until such paying doctors' bills and family expenses.

edons. sprains, concussions, crushings, bruises, cuts, lacerations, gun-shot wounds, burns and scalds, bites of man and animals.

to murder, etc., the action of lightning or electric force, the effect of explosives, chemicals, foods, and poisons, and compensation by drowning or suffocation. In the *Travellers' Insurance* the accidental injury is the cause of death to the insured, or of total disability to follow his usual occupation.

To may say, in general terms, the *Travellers' Insurance* covers every possible form of casualty to life and limb, and everything except disease.

GENERAL ACCIDENT POLICIES.

Every general accident policy insures against accidents of all kinds, and at all times and places, whether travelling or not, at home or abroad, whether working or not, and whether in any way the insured, or in the form of driving, walking, hunting, fishing, skating, swimming, or editing a daily newspaper, or in any other occupation. The insured is not insured, however, against death or total disability. They are usually issued for terms of one, two, or three years, or may be made for one month, three months, six months, or one year.

These policies furnish a complete protective guarantee, everywhere and at all times.

A general accident policy for \$2,000 and \$10 a week compensation, insuring only "against injuries caused by accident to the policy conveyance," costs two dollars annually.

THE CHEAPEST PROFESSIONAL INSURANCE.

A general accident policy in the *Travellers' Insurance* is believed to be the cheapest.

the amount of insurance, precisely, but insuring
 first all kinds of accidents, whether traveling or

are lost. It is not worth more than the cost of it.

NO MEDICAL EXAMINATION REQUIRED.

All ages are taken, except children. The state of health is not a consideration; but a policy will be issued to infirm men.

PARTIAL LIST OF LOSSES BY DEATH PAID.

Stephen Soren, a railroad conductor of Peoria, Ill., killed by falling between the cars, in December 18, He was insured in the *Transatlantic* and *Hartford* for \$50,000, about four weeks previously, and the loss was at once paid to his widow. This was the total loss sustained by the company.

Joseph Frederick Miller, express messenger of *Atchafalca*, Kansas—his parents reside in Brooklyn, N. Y.—was shot by a Cheyenne Indian, Nov. 19, while on the Plains by the regular stage line, and instantly died. He was insured for \$10,000, and the money was paid to his mother within two days after proof of loss was received.

John F. Cunningham, manufacturer, of Sing Sing, N. Y., was one of the ill-fated victims of the dreadful explosion on the steamer *S. John*, at New York, on Sunday morning, October 23. Himself and all his friends were scalded—the mother and one daughter drowning, the father and one daughter died in the infernal scene time after time. Mr. Cunningham was insured for \$5,000, which sum was promptly paid to his widow.

An annual premium of ten to twelve dollars, according to occupation, will secure a policy for two thousand dollars in case of fatal accident, or ten dollars per week in case of disabling bodily injury—the compensation to be paid so as the patient is disabled from attending to his usual business, not to exceed twenty-one weeks for any one accident.

Other losses, from \$500 up to \$10,000, at proportionate rates. Risks that are especially hazardous will be charged liberally.

THEIR BRANCH OFFICE AT CHICAGO.

For the purpose of giving to its policy holders in the West all the advantages of the location of this branch office, the company has opened a branch office at Chicago, under the management of Messrs. White & Goodwin.

All claims for losses, as well as other business of the company will be handled here, so far as the same may relate to the Northwestern States, be disposed of without reference to the Home office.

The company have leased a suite of rooms in the new Garden City Insurance Building (west side of the Court House Square) for their permanent office, and will occupy them as soon as completed. Transference will be completed at 40 LaSalle street.

Prospectuses.

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J. L. FOREPAUGH & CO.

(Successors to Justice, Forepaugh & Co.)

Wholesale Dealers in

FOREIGN & DOMESTIC

DRY GOODS, NOTIONS & C.

No. 123 Third Street.

Saint Paul, Minn.

PHOTOGRAPH GALLERY.

124 Third Street, over Lygo's Millinery Store.

SAINT PAUL, MINN.

CARD PHOTOGRAPHS.

\$3.50 Per Doz.

AMBROTYPES.

Taken at very low prices and warranted to give satisfaction.

Persons wanting either

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are respectfully solicited to give me a call.

MUNGER BROTHERS.

MUSIC DEALERS.

Concert Hall Block, St. Paul, Minn.

SOLE AGENTS FOR

STEINWAY'S, CHICKERING'S

GROVESTEIN, VOCE'S,

UNTER, ALSO FOR

PRINCE'S MELODIAN

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Cabinet Organs.

N. H.—We keep constantly on hand the only complete stock of

Sheet Music.

Musical Instruments.

Musical Merchandise.

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St. Paul, Minnesota

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ROOT & CADDY.

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—AND—

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SAINT PAUL, MINN.

Sheet Music mailed postpaid to order. A complete stock of Sheet Music and Singing Books.

From the following well known Manufacturers:

WILLIAM B. BRADBURY, N. Y.

GEORGE STECK & CO., N. Y.

NEW YORK PIANO FORTE CO.

TRYON & COMPANY, NEW YORK.

LANDEMAN'S CYCLOID, N. Y.

KINDY & MANZ, NEW YORK.

STONACKER & CO., PHIL.

J. W. YOSE, BOSTON, MASS.

MASON & HANLIN'S

Celebrated Cabinet Organ.

Wholesale and Retail First Premium Sewing Machines.

Catalogues and Price Lists mailed free.

CHEAP CASH STORE.

SAINT PAUL.

Have purchased our Goods before the late advances, we can still maintain our reputation of being

THE CHEAPEST STORE

in the City. We have received a splendid

stock of

DRESS GOODS.

including Merinos and other cloths, which we are selling at such low prices that it will astonish the ladies.

We have Balmain Shirts in great quantities and at low figures.

Fall and Winter Shirts from \$1.25 up.

CLOAKS.

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BREAKFAST

CAPES.

NUBIAS.

GLOVES.

FLANNELS.

BLANKETS.

HOSIERY.

Together with a general stock of Dry Goods, Yarns, etc.

Remember the Place.

H. KNOX TAYLOR

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A GREAT CHANCE.

ELL B. Ames of Minneapolis, owns the following lands in this County, and will sell them at the best of terms:

81 Sec. 12, Town 35, Range 20

82 Sec. 13, " " " "

83 Sec. 14, " " " "

84 Sec. 15, " " " "

These lands are well situated, being contiguous to Rock and Settlements. Inquire for particulars of J. K. Sarnad.

Taylor Falls, May 18, 1865.

The Greenest Piano For Sale still retains its

preference and great popularity, and is

undergoing gradual improvements for a

period of thirty years, is now pronounced by

the musical world to be unsurpassed and even

unparalleled in richness, volume and purity of

tone, durability and cheapness. Our new

scale, French action, harp pedals, iron frame

overstrung bass, seven octave, rosewood

plains we are selling cheaper by far than \$100

\$200 than the same style and finish, are sold

by any other first class makers in the country.

Dealers and all in want of good pianos are

invited to send for our Descriptive Catalogue,

which contains photographs of our different

styles, together with prices. No one should

purchase a piano without seeing this Catalogue.

Models, about without number, have

been awarded to the Greenest Piano, and

at the celebrated World's Fair, though in com-

petition with others from all parts of Eu-

rope and the U. S., it took the highest award.

[Established 1852.]

GROVESTEIN CO.,

499 Broadway, New York.

Special Announcement.

H. J. ANTHONY & CO.

Manufacturers of Photographic Materials,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

501 BROADWAY, N. Y.

In addition to our main business of PHOTO-

GRAPHIC MATERIALS, we are Dealers in

STEREOSCOPES & STEREOSCOPIC VIEWS.

Of these we have an immense assortment, including

Views of Europe, America, Africa, Asia, and

the most interesting and beautiful views of

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This is the place for you to supply your needs to get a

good article.

227 1/2 and 228 1/2 Third Street is also attached.

Taylor Falls, May 26

AMERICAN HOUSE.

JOHN MOLD, Proprietor.

SUNDRETT, MINNESOTA.

Having lately made an addition to the

above house I am now prepared to accom-

modate all the business that may be

sent to me. The tables are always well

stocked. A good stable is attached to the

premises.

JOHN MOLD.

MOFFET'S HOTEL.

Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Corner of Fourth and Jackson Streets.

S. B. CHILDS, PROPRIETOR.

S. W. PAYNE, Clerk.

Stages leave this house daily for all parts

of Minnesota. Good standing in connection

with the house.

FRUIT

AND ORNAMENTAL

Vines, Shrubs and Plants.

The subscribers have made arrangements

with four of the largest and most reliable

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Fruit and Ornamental Trees, Vines,

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and will receive and fill orders for Fall and

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The character of the nursery will be a

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will warrant everything to be delivered in

due season.

For further particulars see Fall orders

can be found at our office, from which orders

can be made up, and to those not familiar with

the requirements of planting, instructions will

be given.

To those living at a distance who may find

it inconvenient to call upon us in person we

will furnish lists of such trees, plants, etc., as

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A limited quantity of Barlett and Great

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which have proved the best of all, thirty

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Government Reform in Sweden.

As so large a proportion of our population are Swedes, it may be of interest to them to learn of a radical reform in the government of their own country, which places it to-day under a more liberal rule than any other country of Continental Europe, and is a step towards the union with the liberal government of Norway and a prospect of the formation of one republic like that of their adopted home. From an elaborate report we glean the following interesting epitome:

In the early part of this century, Charles X. I. of Sweden having no son, a Crown Prince was selected—by the Parliament we believe—and adopted by the King. The Prince was Bernadotte, a Frenchman and one of Napoleon's Field Marshals. Sweden was united with the allies against Napoleon, and in the new arrangements made by the allied powers, Norway was separated from Denmark and given to Sweden.

The Swedish Diet or Parliament consisted of four houses. The first, was the House of Nobles, in which the Nobles were entitled to seats by virtue of their rank. The second was the House of Clergy, to which representatives were elected by the clergy of the state (Lutheran) church. The third was the House of Burghers, representing the Merchants and Mechanics. The fourth was elected by the farmers or peasants. In this Parliament, therefore, there were many citizens who had no representation. The whole legislative power of the country was in this Parliament. The two upper houses jealously guarded their class privileges, and their dissent was sufficient to negative any proposition coming from the people.

Bernadotte (Charles XIV.) in many instances appeared to side with his people. His son, Oscar I., proposed in 1850 an amendment to the constitution to popularize the representation in Parliament. It was then defeated by the Nobles and Clergy, each of these classes naturally enough seeing only danger to the state in any reform that proposed to cut down their class privileges. The present King, Charles XV., from the time he ascended the throne of Sweden and Norway, has been known as the warm friend and staunch supporter of liberal measures.

Two years ago aided by his influence, the democratic party succeeded in carrying through Parliament a new constitutional law, whereby the local government was left with the people as in our country.

On the 8th of December last, the Nobles and Clergy finally agreed to the constitutional amendment which had before been passed by the Burghers and the Farmers, and henceforward the legislative government of Sweden represents all classes of its people. The Congress of Sweden under the new Constitution consists of two Houses. To the lower house any voter is eligible. To the upper house, is eligible any voter who pays taxes upon 20,000 riksdollars, (\$5,000) of property. The right of suffrage, including the voting for members on both Houses of the Congress, and all other elective officers, is extended for all citizens who pay taxes upon 250 riksdollars (\$62.50) of real or personal property or income.

The rejoicing throughout Sweden and Norway, following the adoption of the new constitution for Sweden, have been enthusiastic and general. The manifestations of respect and love for the King are as flattering as any that ever made a monarch's crown rest lightly.

PASSAGE OF THE PRINTING BILL.—The House Printing bill, providing for letting the State Printing to the lowest bidder, came up in the Senate on the 11th inst., for its third reading, and was passed without debate by a vote of thirteen to six.

CORRECTION.—Mr. Thos. G. Jones, U. S. Collector for this District in the half of the Government, seized the North Minneapolis distillery a day or two since, and found 900 gallons of highwines secreted about the establishment.

Last winter the legislature passed a law requiring parties wishing to be married to secure a license from the clerk of the district court, and for the making out which the clerk was authorized to charge two dollars. The committee on revision of the statutes has recommended a return to the old law, which measure will probably be adopted.

Legislative.

We notice in the recent reports of legislative proceedings, the transaction of business of local importance to us in this country.

On the 13th, Mr. Ellison from the committee on Mines and Minerals, introduced a bill for an act to continue the Geological Survey of the State of Minnesota. Referred to committee on Ways and Means. We are not acquainted with the details of this bill, but presume some provision was made therein for a further prosecution of the mineral resources in this vicinity, which bid so fair.

He also introduced a bill to change the name of John Anderson to John A. Halberg. Referred to committee on Names.

On the 14th Mr. Ellison presented a petition signed by J. L. Taylor and many others, asking for the removal of the County Seat from Chicago City to Taylor Falls. He also introduced a bill to the same effect, which was referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

On the 15th he presented the petition of Alexis Raherge and others relative to the times of holding the District Court in Chicago County. Referred to committee on Judiciary.

Transportation to New Orleans.

A correspondent of the St. Paul Press informs the information that several joint stock companies have been organized at St. Louis for the purpose of carrying freight in barges by tow boats to New Orleans. By the present method of transit grain encounters the expense of three intermediate elevator transshipments, besides the great cost of rail transportation, canal charges &c. All of this would be avoided by the river and ocean route via New Orleans. He further states that when the companies now existing perfect arrangements for transporting grain with a fleet of barges, say six to ten, towed by a powerful tug, not heaving bulk till they reach New Orleans, and then transferring to ship in less than a day, by means of the floating elevator now in building for a St. Louis company, that they can carry wheat at ten or twelve and a half cents per bushel from St. Paul to New Orleans.

And from New Orleans it can be shipped to New York for ten cents more per bushel; so that, by this route, we can put our wheat in the New York, or even the Liverpool market, for less money than it cost, a part of the last season, to carry it to Milwaukee.

Mississippi Bridge Nuisance.

The Rock Island and Clinton bridges have at times made themselves especially obnoxious to lumbermen and steamboatmen by the serious damages sustained by rafts, barges and steamboats, which have occasion to pass between the piers. It must therefore be gratifying to them to learn that a suit is in progress indicting the Clinton Bridge as a nuisance. An exchange states this fact, and says that it is necessary, to prove this fact, to show as far as possible how many piers are damaged and to what extent. All lumbermen therefore who have suffered by this obstruction of the natural channel, should set down the amount of loss in dollars and cents, with a statement of the manner in which the damage was received, by detention breaking on piers or otherwise, with the date of the occurrence and forward a copy of it to James F. Griffith Esq., 63 Levee St. St. Louis the attorney of the libellants, and forward their names and be ready when called on to testify to the facts.

Destructive Fire in Hudson.

About two o'clock on last Friday morning a fire broke out in the Empire Saloon, kept by Mr. Morrison, on the west side of Walnut St. The wind blowing briskly from the southwest, the flames spread rapidly. Very soon the store of Messrs. Dow & Dwyer, on the corner of 2nd and Walnut streets, owned and occupied by them with dry goods and groceries, the building next south of this, occupied by Messrs. Balcom & Brown as a hotel and shoe store, and the store of J. Webb, occupied as a meat market, were enveloped in the flames.

There were also two other small buildings, of little value burned; one occupied as a dwelling and the other as a saloon. It is impossible at present to make any estimate of the loss.

The Eagle Hook and Ladder Company were early on the ground, and is entitled to much credit for the energetic efforts displayed in their attempts to check the raging flames.

Minnesota Exports.

The *Wisconsin Republican* gives some interesting figures showing the grain production of this State and the shipments from that point, showing the exports of the State to have been, in 1865 nearly \$7,000,000, and the shipments from Wisconsin to have been two-and-a-half millions. In 1860 there were 124,892 acres of wheat in the State; in 1865 400,000 acres, which have produced about fifty bushels of wheat to every inhabitant. The average yield per acre was 24 bushels. Not a bushel of wheat was exported from the State until 1851. With considerable pride, the *Republican* says:

"The exports of grain from this market in 1855 demonstrates the fact that Wisconsin has but three superiors among the primary grain markets on this continent—Chicago, Milwaukee and Toledo."

We are glad to record such evidence of the wonderful resources of our beautiful State.

The sheet which has long been the prime advocate of the Anti-Monopoly movement in this state, administers the following bitter pill, which must cause a terrible cramping in the bowels of wrath which have been so stirred up, against the wicked old commodore who is said to have coerced millions of dollars out of the pockets of our helpless citizens:

"We have private but perfectly reliable advices from Madison, that the Wisconsin Legislature has been bought up by the monopolists and that no law can pass that body to prevent monopolizing combinations between the steamboats and the railroads."

The people of Wisconsin and Minnesota may rest and grow and rave and rear the air with indignant denunciation against this infamous betrayal of the Northwest, but they will waste their wrath in this direction. They are sold out—sold out like cattle in the shambles, and they are to be delivered over, bound hand and foot to the tender mercies of the rapacious and tyrannical Monopoly which has already robbed them of millions of dollars.

A bill was introduced in the U. S. Senate last week for the improvement of the Mississippi river from the Falls of St. Anthony down, so as to provide four feet of water, and also for providing slack water navigation on the Minnesota river. This improvement is of importance to millions of people, and if Congress wishes to advance the interests of the country it will speedily become a law.

A Tribute to Minnesota.

The *New York Tribune* contains a long editorial article, advocating the system of Normal Schools. At the close it pays the following flattering tribute to Common School system of this State:

"But, while we are thus dwelling on the enormous conceptions of the scope and true objects of public education, the West is made free to crystallize its forming institutions in accordance with our highest native acquisitions and present condition of knowledge. With all our commonplace, we must cross the Mississippi to find the inauguration of the time and most enlightened policy. Minnesota proposes to make her Common School system a more comprehensive and efficient system of national training establishments than is to be elsewhere found. And while the gift of lands from the National Government for agricultural education has been advanced in the West, institutions whose spirit is foreign to the essential purposes of the grant, Minnesota proposes to donate her share of the endowment to the direct and universal promotion of agricultural education, by raising the grade and widening the scope of her common schools through the agency of a well-planned and efficient system of Training Colleges. If she has the sagacity and statesmanship to accomplish this, her position in the coming generation will be eminent and enviable among the States of the regenerated Union."

Portrait.—A young lady, Miss Mason, residing in the Jan. 15 number of the *Local's Friend* an exquisite poetic gem that will win or lose the sympathy of all lovers of the beautiful. It commences:

"I am dying with the flowers."

The news from all sources indicates that the Town and St. Croix R. R., will be built at an early day. The Pennsylvania Central and the Milwaukee and Minnesota Railway Companies, have taken hold of this road and propose to put it ahead.

Almost a Fire.—The dwelling house of Mr. James Roach, caught fire in the last week, but was provisionally discovered by his wife who had occasion to go into an upper room in time to have it extinguished. A few moments delay and the accumulation of years of labor would have been a heap of ashes.

Town & County Matters.

LAKE SUPERIOR sends to Cleveland twenty-two tons of iron ore for every ton received from all other points combined.

The next meeting of the Mite Society will be held at the spacious parlors of the Chicago House. Lovers of a social time should attend.

We are pleased to notice that Hon. D. Barton is winning a high reputation as a presiding officer.—*Dana County Lumberman.*

We omitted last week to notice that E. D. Whiting and the Hon. Smith Ellison were admitted as delegates from this county at the Anti-Monopoly Convention on the 7th inst.

DEPT. TAX.—Dr. J. A. Nichols of Hudson, Wis., will be at this place on the 11th of March and remain until the 20th. Persons desiring operations performed should be prepared and on hand.

OUR PAPER.—We make our lowest bow and return our heartfelt thanks to those who have given us new names for our subscription list. Do not weary in well doing, friends, we got out a paper that you need not be ashamed to meet anywhere and we think we are justified in asking our friends to come up and help us.

SUPPLIES FOR THE FISHERIES.—Almost daily from six to a dozen teams pass through this town loaded with supplies for the lumbermen. This branch of business furnishes no small amount of the trade of our local merchants all of whom are more or less involved in lumbering operations.

REAL ESTATE SALES.—Silas Humphrey to Merrill Ryder, lot in Taylor's Falls, for \$55.

Peter Goranson to John Lundgren, 100 acres in Chicago Lake, for \$950.

Geo. F. Callender to James B. Jones, 80 acres in Sunrise for \$800.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.—The following firms hang out their signs in today's paper: Canaday's Family Grocery is already familiar to our readers, David S. Clark & Co's Wagon Shop is an institution that has been long needed. Lygo's Millinery Store, and Chas. Friend's Leather and Harness Shop are responsible St. Paul establishments that our local dealers would do well to patronize. The Electric Magazine also has its representation. Read the prospectus and send for it.

PRIZE.—When we wrote last week that we knew of no cases of freezing, that of a poor "Lad" was forgotten. This copper-killed individual was found by the roadside between here and Balsam Lake with a bottle of whiskey—frozen solid—held in his stiffened grasp. As there were no marks of violence visible, he probably came to his death through the agency of Jack Frost or the rum-sellers, but whether which or 't'other is a mooted question.

VEGETABLE GROWTH IN WINTER.—A near neighbor of ours had a patch of turnips which he left in the ground last fall only throwing some loose straw over them. On Tuesday last he cleared away the snow and straw which covered them expecting to find them frozen solid, but found to his astonishment, that new sprouts had grown out, (the old ones having killed by the hard frost before the snow fell.) over four inches long, and the ground free from frost. The deep snow of the present winter must prove a godsend to young fruit trees by keeping them from the extreme cold, and thus preserving their precarious existence in this climate.

NEW HOTEL.—Madame Rumor, has it that the fine building at present occupied by W. H. C. Folsom as a store, will in the approaching spring be remodelled into a hotel, by a well known gentleman who has had long experience in that business. The Cascade House which has been closed for some years, is also to be thoroughly renovated and repaired, and opened to the public. Should these anticipated projects be consummated there will surely be no lack of good accommodations for the traveling public as the gentlemen who have the matter in hand are reliable business men with the requisite capital.

We were told that the winters work had been far better than at first anticipated and that in about three weeks they would be down "bag and baggage" from their temporary winter abode.

Business in town is improving.

QUARTERLY MEETING.—will be held at the M. E. Church on the 31 and 4th of March—next Saturday and Sunday.

There will be preaching on Saturday evening by Rev. J. F. Chaffee, presiding elder of this district, followed by the usual services on Sunday.

It is proper to add that the cause which prevented Mr. Chaffee from filling his last appointment here was the dangerous illness of his youngest child who was supposed at that time to be at the point of death. The health of the little one, we are glad to learn has since improved with a fair prospect of complete recovery.

A Tough Story!

A correspondent of the *Polk County Press* is responsible for the following: "The oldest human being known in modern times, lives now, or did a short time since, in Wisconsin, near the head waters of the St. Croix river. Her exact age is unknown. When the oldest Indians who know her were young, she was an old woman. They call her 'Ne-monia'—the Chippewa for 'old woman.' Her face, wrinkled and sunken in the wigwag, for over a hundred and fifty years, has little left of the 'human face divine.'"

When inquired of by white men, (who were cutting timber near her wigwag,) in regard to her age, she could not tell it, but could well recollect when those tall pines they were cutting were no longer than the staff she held in her hand, and when she could bend them down and break off their branches. The lumbermen cut down those trees and counted the yearly growth, and many of them proved to be nearly two hundred years old. And Ne-monia could once bend them to the ground. So if Ne-monia tells the truth, she is nearly two hundred years old.

We know of but one well authenticated instance of a person of more advanced age now living. There resides in this town the Methuselah of the present age, an old man who should be alive until the 33rd inst., will be 175 years of age. He is yet hale and hearty—tough as a knot and bids fair to last for some time yet.

IS CAME.—Last week four of us—two ladies and two of the sterner sex, essayed a trip to the lumbering camp of Messrs. Gray & Lipsett on Lower Snake, about fifty miles above here.

The weather was unexceptionable and the trip delightful. We called on many old friends on the route, and did space permit would detail many pleasant happenings along the way. At the camp we were all welcomed by the presiding genius of the establishment, Mrs. Gray who ushered the party into her neat little apartment, in the rear of the main camp occupied by the men. Here everything was more cosy and homelike than in half the pretensions of civilized life. Lipsett and family occupy a small building near by. Altogether it was a most pleasant and refreshing sojourn, and the refining and elevating influence of woman's presence.

After the men had arrived home from their daily labors, a supper was served, that proved the lady guests up to be no amateurs in the culinary art. There was the tribute of the surrounding forests in the shape of venison, and smaller game, well dressed and delicately cooked, Oysters and peaches were there in great abundance, cakes, pies, splendid light biscuit and in fact everything that could tempt the appetite of an epicure. When the supper was closed away, fun and gaiety reigned supreme. Our quartette were prepared for a good time and all sorts of games were there to choose from; chess, dominoes, back-gammon, draughts, cards, &c. Story and song went round and it was far into the "wee small hours" before the happy crew around the rousing camp fire, dispersed. We cannot enlarge the sleeping arrangements. We had a cold—20° below zero, and the winds in the tasseled branches, of the tall pines kept up a ceaseless, sad, wind-ding-like music that drove sleep from our eyelids. Happy were we when daylight stole in through the crevices of the logs. After a sumptuous breakfast we were homeward bound, but the memory of that visit to the woods shall always be kept as a treasure on memory's shelf.

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Business in town is improving.

CHARLEY PEEK of St. Croix Falls has opened a writing school at Hastings.

It is reported that President Johnson will soon restore the writ of habeas corpus to all the States.

SAD ACCIDENT.—We regret to announce that on Wednesday last week Andy Clendenen, at his lumbering camp on Apple River, Wis., was so seriously injured by a falling tree as to render it impossible to remove him home. A strong wind was blowing at the time and the men engaged in felling the tree, warned him of his danger. He however disregarded their advice until too late, when owing to the deep snow he could not escape and he was seriously injured. The latest report was that he was notwithstanding the serious injuries sustained, in a fair way for recovery.

Surprise Items.

Several of the Superior City merchants passed through here yesterday returning from New York.

The roads are in good condition and every day finds teams heavily loaded on their way to the gold mines.

LEWISIANA.—Mr. E. D. Wilcox is engaged in hauling logs preparatory for spring work at the saw mill.

We learn from a St. Paul paper that we are to have a new hotel. M. E. McAvoy proprietor. Success to him and his new enterprise, say we.

MITE SOCIETY.—The meeting of this society are very pleasant and it is becoming popular to attend. The next meeting will be at Mrs. Colwell's residence, on Thursday evening.

We hope and trust that the past winter of our discontent will soon be made glorious summer by the arrival of a large emigration on their way here and hereabouts with phreatic wallets, for a more general distribution of the "gre n box."

Considerable grain is being brought to this market. The greater portion of which is purchased for the miners. At the present rate of increase, Sunrise will soon be a recognized market for the disposal of country produce in any quantities.

PROBABLE FATAL ACCIDENT.—A couple of juvenile aborigines while chopping wood in playful mood, early mentioned their sport by one of them accidentally inserting the bit of his axe into the others spine inflicting a probably fatal wound. Don't make playthings of sharp edged tools, boys.

OBITUARY.

DIED.—At her residence in this town, Feb. 20th Mrs. Emily R. daughter of Gurdan Bradley Esq., of Fairfield, Benning Co., N. Y., and wife of Doctor E. D. Whiting of Taylor's Falls, in the 49th year of her age.

Forten years past, the deceased has resided in this place and her memory will long be cherished in this community. Her character was adorned with those qualities which ever render her possessions to friends and neighbors. A kind heart—an unfeigned temper—deep devotion to her friends—charity and sympathy for all—a uniform conscientiousness and consistency of deportment—and that meek and quiet spirit which is the sight of God is of great price—were marked traits in her character.

In early life, Mrs. Whiting consecrated herself to Christ and ever after sought to live in accordance with that consecration. Her faith was thoroughly tested, and as thoroughly triumphed, during her last illness. For nearly a year past, she had been failing and her sufferings at times were severe, but with unflinching patience and unwavering trust in her Redeemer she endured every affliction, and calmly waited all the days of her appointed time until her change came.

Knowing in whom she had believed and having his "rod and staff" to comfort her, she passed through the "dark valley" bearing no evil and assuring weeping friends that, however pleasant it might be to remain with them to depart and be with Christ would be far better.

When it became apparent that she must soon die, she expressed, for herself, but one wish—that she might be permitted to live until a sister who resided in Minneapolis, and who was immediately sent for might reach her. In this desire she was gratified. Her sister came while she was yet apparently conscious, and soon after she passed peacefully away.

"Twas at thy door, O Friend! and not mine,
The angel with the angelic wreath,
Passed, descended and with voice divine,
Whispered a word that had a soul like death
Then fell upon the house a sudden gloom
A shadow on those features fair and bright,
And softly from that hushed and darkened room,
The angel's form! where he had been so long!"

INSURANCE.—Our genial friend S. Hamilton, as the agency of the Mutual Fire insurance company of the Rochester Stock insurance. He commences canvassing the county immediately. We have constituted him agent for the Reporter, and people living at a distance in this county can transact business through him.

ICE PACKING.—If some one does not hoist in this matter there will be a dearth of ice during the "heated term." The difficulty of obtaining good ice should be an additional inducement, as there is but little put up, consequently but little to put down, and the price must be higher in proportion. What shall we do for juleps, nogs and other cool drinks if someone does not attend to it ere long?

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Taylor's Falls Market Report.

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Wheat	15	@ 4
Barley	12	@ 1
Potatoes	10	@ 1
Oats	10	@ 1
Peas	10	@ 1
Beans	10	@ 1
Flour	10	@ 1
Butter	10	@ 1
Eggs	10	@ 1
Corn Meal	10	@ 1
Flour	10	@ 1

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